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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1945.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors,

The Area of the Borough is 1,509 acres.

The Resident Population according to the Registrar General's Returns was:- 1,430.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1945, according to the Rate Books was:- 590

The Rateable Value was £16,020.

The sum represented by a Penny Rate was £54.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	13.	12.	25.
Illegitimate	-	1.	1.
	13.	13.	26.

This give a Birth Rate of 18.18 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
The Birth Rate for England and Wales was:- 16.1.

Birth Rates for the past five years:-

	New Romney.	England & Wales.
1941.	19.04	14.20
1942.	20.06	15.80
1943.	17.47	16.50
1944.	23.68	17.60
1945.	18.18	16.10
Average.	19.68	16.04

DEATHS.	Male.	Female	Total.
	10	9	19.

This gives a Death Rate of 13.28
The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.4

Death Rate for the past five years:-

	New Romney	England & Wales.
1941	15.58	12.90

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DEATHS (Continued)

	New Romney.	England & Wales.
1942	23.41	11.60.
1943	12.47	12.10
1944	14.38	11.60
1945	13.28	11.40
Average	15.82	11.92

Stillbirths - One legitimate female.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality.

Deaths from:-

Cancer	1
Heart Disease	13
Measles	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil
Diarrhoea in Children ... under 2 years of age.....	Nil
Tubercolosis	Nil
Children under 1 year of age	Nil

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia	2
Scarlet Fever	3
Diphtheria	2
Measles	69
Cysipelas	1

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary, Male. 1
Female, 0
Non-Pulmonary, Male 0
Female 0

One case of Scarlet Fever was removed to the Ashford Isolation Hospital, the other was able to be isolated at home.

The two cases of Diphtheria were removed to the Dover Isolation Hospital.

HOUSING.

The Council's Post-War Housing Scheme. Work on Roads and Foundations for the ten Temporary Houses has been completed and they are now in course of construction by the Ministry of Works.

So far as the Site for the Permanent Houses is concerned, the District Valuer has now agreed to the cost of the necessary land with the Owners thereof, and Tenders are about to be invited for their construction. The Council have received a Preliminary Report from their Consulting Engineers for the Drainage of their Permanent Houses.

There are to be 10 Temporary and 50 Permanent Houses.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Public Water Supply remains the same and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. It is Chlorinated. Bacteriological Examinations are carried out monthly and they have been good reports. There is no plumbo-solvent action.

About 98% of the Dwelling Houses are on the Public supply

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and 99% of the population derives its supply thus.

About 2% of the Dwelling Houses have Wells as their water supply and about 1% of the population derives its water supply thus.

MAIN DRAINAGE.

The Scheme which was prepared by Messrs Balfour & Son now remains in abeyance owing to financial difficulties.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Aldermen
and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

ARNOLD McMILLAN

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31 July 1946.